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PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

A UNIVERSAL PRIME MERIDIAN :

PAPERS RELATIVE TO A PROPOSED INTERNATIONAL CON-
FERENCE TO CONSIDER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF.

Presented to both Houses of Parliament by His Excellency's Command.



PAPERS relative to a proposed International Conference to consider the establishment of a Universal Prime Meridian.

(No. 9.)

Government House, Hobart, 10th June, 1884.

THE Governor transmits herewith to Ministers a telegram which he has received from the Governor of South Australia.

GEO. C. STRAHAN.

TELEGRAM.

Adelaide, 9th June, 1884.

TELEGRAM from Secretary of State announces International Conference at Washington, 1st October, to consider establishment Universal Prime Meridian, and directs me to consult other Australian Colonies whether they consider it desirable to appoint common representatives to discuss question, but not to vote.

GOVERNOR.

To His Excellency the Governor.

Premier's Office, Hobart, 20th June, 1884.

MEMO. FOR HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR.

WITH reference to the telegram from the Secretary of State for the Colonies as to the International Conference to be held at Washington in October next to consider the question of the establishment of a Universal Prime Meridian, Mr. Giblin has the honor to inform His Excellency that as it is not the intention of the Australian Colonies to join in appointing a common representative to such Conference, who would have power to discuss the question, but not to vote thereon, Mr. Giblin advises His Excellency that the interests of Tasmania in this matter may safely be left in the hands of the English representatives, and that the Secretary of State should be so informed.

W. R. GIBLIN.

TELEGRAM.

Hobart, 19th June, 1884.

PRIME Meridian Conference. Thanks for telegram. Will follow suit.

W. R. GIBLIN.

To Hon. Premier, Melbourne.

TELEGRAM.

Perth, 26th June, 1884.

THIS Government thinks it desirable that an Australian Delegate should attend the Washington International Meridian Conference, and mentions the name of Dr. Smith, C.M.G., of Sydney University.

COLONIAL SECRETARY.

To Premier, Tasmania.

TELEGRAM.

Hobart, 28th June, 1884.

THIS Government had, before receipt of your telegram, intimated to London that we were content to leave our interests in the hands of British representative.

W. R. GIBLIN.

To Colonial Secretary, Perth, W.A.